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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) and M.P.E.P. § 609(III)(A)(3), Applicants' undersigned representative submitted an English language abstract, cited as Document AR1 on Form PTO-1449, for the non-English language Document EP 0 174 624, cited as Document AL1 on Form PTO-1449, in the §120 priority application.

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- 2. List of cited documents on Form PTO-1449 (2 sheets); and
- 3. One (1) return postcard.

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